

Village Calendar

Office Closed April 10th
Council Meeting April 14 7pm

Planning Board April 21st 7pm
Communication Commission April 6th 7pm
Parks and Recreation April 27th 6:30pm

The Villager Deadline April 17th
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Waste Collection April 2,9,16,23,30

Community Calendar

HOA Meeting April 16 at 6:30pm
Sages April 17th 11:30
Lunch at Logan's House

Garden Club April 20 7pm
The Life and Wonder of Hummingbirds

Big C Support April 2nd, 16th and 30th
from 6-7pm
Knit One Crochet Two Thursdays 6pm
Panera Bread

March Council Update

- Approved to keep pool rates the same for the 2020 Pool Season.
- Parks and recreation is going to review the pool hours
- Agreed to support a Stormwater/NCDOT Grant Study conducted by Union County to minimize road closings during flooding
- Permits secured for the lights to be installed at the pool
- Union Electric donated 14 Oak trees to the Village
- Voted to approve funds to refurbish the information kiosk at Town Center
- Wiring for the pier lights has been completed and lights will continue to be lit every evening

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Message from Mayor Cleveland

These are difficult and unusual times for all of us. Everyone has been impacted by the coronavirus in one way or another. For some of us it is an inconvenience, for others it has resulted in severe hardship including loss of jobs and income. It has been uplifting to see the way our community has responded to help our neighbors in need. This is the true spirit of our Village and our country. If I, our Council, or our staff can be of assistance to anyone, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

COVID-19 and the Village of Lake Park

You may have read or seen that Mecklenburg and Union Counties have declared States of Emergency because of the COVID-19 virus. Lake Park has an ordinance in place that would allow us to do the same if needed, but what does declaring a State of Emergency mean? The Charlotte Observer summarized it as follows: "Though 'State of Emergency' may sound ominous, the impact it has on citizens is anything but threatening," according to the N.C. Department of Public Safety. DPS says state law permits local and state officials to declare an emergency "during a situation or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property, resulting from a natural or man-made cause." Similar to Cooper's order that schools temporarily shut down, local authorities have the power to enact bans and issue restrictions, according to DPS. "For example, local and/or state authorities may restrict the sale of alcohol, impose curfews or limit where people may travel and gather. The Village of Lake Park also has an interlocal agreement with Union County's Emergency Management Services. According to a recent article by Norma Houston at the UNC School of Government: "Under Chapter 166A, counties have primary responsibility for control of emergency management functions within the county, including those of municipalities within the county (GS 166A-19.15(a), (c)). The county emergency management director is directly responsible for the organization, administration, and operation of county of emergency management functions (GS 166A-19.15(b)). In a public health emergency, the county emergency management director retains responsibility for coordinating response activities within the county while the local health director serves as the lead local official for providing technical guidance and taking actions that are within the health director's legal authority such as ordering a quarantine or isolation, or enforcing a communicable disease control measure. The local emergency management director would coordinate response activities such as requesting additional resources and assets, establishing emergency mass treatment facilities, or managing limited ingress and egress to and from an infected area." The Village of Lake Park is closely monitoring the status of the COVID-19 outbreak in our area and recommends following all guidelines for social distancing, crowd size limitations, hand washing, etc.

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Office Hours: Mon 9am-5pm

Tues-Fri 9am-12pm

COVID-19 Websites

North Carolina site: ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus

CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019

Stormwater

Lawn care, landscaping and pest control practices are major contributors to stormwater pollution. Rain and irrigation runoff flows across yards, rooftops, paved areas and picks up dirt, leaves, grass clippings, garden chemicals and anything else in its path. This polluted water flows directly into the storm drain system and into the ponds. Nutrients and other chemicals from yard waste can cause excessive algae growth and toxin production. Algae can rob the organisms that live in our streams and ponds from the oxygen they need to survive, not to mention killing fish along the way.

Stormwater Tips: Maintain your vehicle properly. If your vehicle is leaking, use cat litter or sand to absorb the fluid, dispose of the cat litter or sand properly and keep the toxin out of the streams and ponds. Do not drain your pool, spa, hot tub or fountain into the storm drain on your street. Don't throw litter on the streets or dump anything into the storm drains. Be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your pet. Pet Waste Stations are located throughout the Village.

Report any illegal dumping in the Village of Lake Park by calling 704-882-8657.

How Did You Hear About the Water Boil?

Enotify E-notify is the first communication submitted during an event or schedule change in the Village of Lake Park. You will only receive notifications concerning; changes to trash schedule, office closings, community events, and street projects within the Village. Another bonus is receiving the Village newsletter monthly. We do not post lost animals or items for sale, etc. Postings concern you as a community member and the email account you link is not sold to any marketing agencies or groups. Three simple steps to follow will connect you to your Exclusive E-Notify for Lake Park.

Step 1 – go to www.lakeparknc.gov

Step 2 – click on e-notify link (button) on right side of page and complete registration.

Step 3 – go to the email you registered and OPEN the message from support@govoffice.com. You must open the message to create the link between e-notify and your email address. You are now connected!

2020 Census

Recently you should have received instructions for completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online. It is important that you respond since census data is used to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads and other public services. The census data also determines the number of seats each state has in the U. S. House of Representatives and your political representation at all levels of government.

Please stay in and stay safe. If you are walking in Lake Park, stay six feet apart from other walkers.